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Statement from the Washoe County School District

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Although there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Washoe County or the state of Nevada, the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees and District Leadership share our community's concerns about a possible outbreak in the future. We are collaborating with WCSD Student Health Services, Washoe County Health District, State of Nevada, and federal health officials to determine the best course of action to protect our students and staff members and ensure the educational needs of our students are met.

We are relying on health experts to provide us with guidance going forward, and depending upon the direction we receive, we will adapt our approach as necessary.

We can assure you that we are taking all necessary steps to gather information, following guidelines set forth by health officials, and that we will convey this information to our families and our community through the media, online, and through direct communication with our families. For further information, please visit <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/14315>

In the meantime, we encourage our families to keep students home when they are sick, encourage children to wash their hands frequently with soap and warm water, and cover their coughs and sneezes. Staff members should also stay home if they are ill.

We will also provide frequent updates to everyone involved to ensure our families receive timely and accurate information as the situation unfolds.

We know that each of our schools has individual and unique needs, and those needs will be considered as we make plans for the education of our students in the event of an outbreak.

The safety and security of our students and staff has always been our highest priority, and we are dedicated to doing everything possible to protect them.

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